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| In re Application of  | : | Customer Number: 20277     |
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| Hidetaka OSAWA, et al.                                      | : | Confirmation Number: 7988  |
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| Serial No.: 09/781,224 ✓                                    | : | Group Art Unit: 1743       |
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| Filed: February 13, 2001 ✓                                  | : | Examiner: GORDON, Brian R. |
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| For: PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID | : |                            |

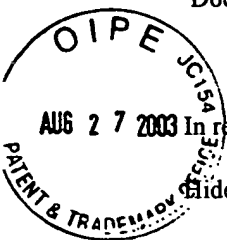
AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to  
the Office Action dated May 30, 2003.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☐ Also attached:

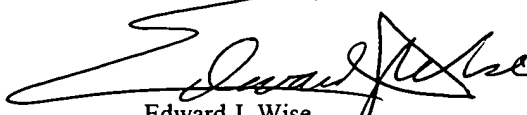
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|                                 | NO. OF<br>CLAIMS | HIGHEST<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE      | FEE    |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Total Claims                    | 36               | 36                                | 0               | \$18.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims              | 5                | 5                                 | 0               | \$84.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented |                  |                                   |                 |           | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time       |                  |                                   |                 |           | \$0.00 |
| Total of Above Calculations     |                  |                                   |                 |           | \$0.00 |

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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